



INTRODUCTION TO HUD

President Bill Clinton and HUD Secretary Andrew Cuomo are committed to resolving the issue of homelessness for all Americans, including military veterans and their families. The HUD Veteran Resource Center (HUDVET) was created for you as a result of a unique partnership between national Veteran Service Organizations and Secretary Cuomo. This directory is designed to increase your knowledge of, as well as participation in, Continuum of Care (CoC) services for veterans and other individuals who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

The message of this directory is clear. As homeless and veteran advocates, you must become involved in the "Consolidated Planning" process for your community's CoC services to respond to the needs of homeless veterans. This directory lists your Consolidated Plan points of contact. If you have not already done so, call and find out how you can become involved in the planning and delivery of HUD-sponsored services. Remember, your expertise is needed to ensure that your local homeless services address the needs of veterans as well as other members of your community at risk of homelessness.

To assist you in this effort, we have highlighted the following sections in this directory:

HUD 800 Numbers

This section features a list of 800 numbers for HUD's key programs.

Glossary of Terms

The glossary contains a complete listing and explanation of the most commonly used terms associated with CoC services for the homeless.

Other Federal Resources

This section provides the names and telephone numbers of Federal contacts that offer a range of services to citizens across the country. This section is divided into the following areas: Legislative Branch; Judicial Branch; Executive Branch; Independent Agencies; and Boards, Commissions, and Committees.

National Resources

This section provides the names and telephone numbers of organizations that specialize in veteran's service provision, legislative advocacy, public education, and technical assistance.

Non-Federal Training and Technical Assistance Resources

This section provides the names and telephone numbers of training and technical assistance providers that offer a range of housing, community development, and economic development services to State and

local governments, nonprofit organizations, and citizens across the country.

State and Community Resources

This section is divided into three parts. The first provides community resources needed for the development of a comprehensive CoC system of services. The second section lists HUD-funded local resources available to homeless veterans and their families and for the intervention and prevention of homelessness.

Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities

The Section 811 program provides grants to nonprofit organizations to develop and construct or rehabilitate rental housing with supportive services for very low-income persons with disabilities. The companion Mainstream Program awards funding for Section 8 rental vouchers and certificates to very low-income families whose head, spouse, or sole member is a person with a disability.

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